

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An exercise device providing stairclimber and treadmill configurations, comprising:

a body;

a plurality of treads;

a plurality of risers, each of which is detachably connected to at least one of the treads;

a transmission device disposed in the body and connected to the treads and the risers for moving the treads and the risers, wherein the treads ~~abutting~~ and the risers adjacent thereto are selectively deployed in [a] the stairclimber configuration and in the treadmill configuration, and wherein the treads are substantially coplanar to the risers [are] when deployed in the treadmill configuration; and

~~an elevating device coupled to the body, moving the body; and~~

~~a panel is disposed at the front of the exercise device, enabling input of operational settings such as speed and active or passive mode selection~~

a plurality of connectors, each of which is detachably disposed between at least one tread and at least one riser, to hold the at least one tread and the at least one riser in a step configuration when deployed in the stairclimber configuration;

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wherein the treads are rendered coplanar with the risers by removing the connectors and deploying the treads in the treadmill configuration.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising of a plurality of transmission shafts coupled to the transmission device.

4. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising of a controller, coupled to the elevating device and the transmission device, controlling the elevating device and the transmission device.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the treads are rendered coplanar with the risers by rotating about the connectors and deploying in the treadmill configuration.

7. (Currently amended) The exercise device as claimed in claim [1] 22, wherein the elevating device is a hydraulic device.

8. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a display unit coupled to the panel, providing an environmental simulation.

9. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 8, further comprises a processing unit, disposed on the panel, processing images to appear on the display unit.

10. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 8, the display unit could be a display or a personal display device or both of them.

11. (Currently amended) An exercise device, comprising:
a body;
a plurality of treads;
a belt on which the treads are movably disposed;
a plurality of adjusting ~~mechanism~~ mechanisms disposed between the treads and the belt, bracketing the treads and keeping the corresponding treads in a horizontal orientation; and

~~an elevating device coupled to the body, extending the body to a predetermined position or being angled with respect to the horizontal surface; and~~

~~a panel is disposed at the front of the exercise device, enabling input of operational settings such as speed and active or passive mode selection~~

a plurality of connectors, each of which is detachably disposed between at least one tread and at least one riser, to hold the at least one tread and the at least one riser in a step configuration when deployed in a stairclimber configuration;

wherein the treads are rendered coplanar with the risers by removing the connectors and deploying the treads in a treadmill configuration.

12. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising of a plurality of wheel, coupled to the belt, moving the treads.

13. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising of a controller coupled to the elevating device, controlling the elevating device and the adjusting mechanism.

14. (Currently amended) The exercise device as claimed in claim [11] 24, wherein the elevating device is a hydraulic device.

15. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a display unit coupled to the panel, providing an environmental simulation.

16. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 15, further comprises a processing unit, disposed on the panel, processing images to appear on the display unit.

17. (Original) The exercise device as claimed in claim 15, the display unit could be a display or a personal display device or both of them.

18. (New) An exercise device providing stairclimber and treadmill configurations, comprising:

a body;

a plurality of treads;

a plurality of risers, each of which is detachably connected to at least one of the treads; and

a transmission device disposed in the body and connected to the treads and the risers for moving the treads and the risers, wherein the treads and the risers adjacent thereto are selectively deployed in the stairclimber configuration and in the treadmill configuration, and wherein the treads are substantially coplanar to the risers when deployed in the treadmill configuration, and wherein the stairclimber configuration and the treadmill configuration do not exist simultaneously.

19. (New) The exercise device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the treads are rendered coplanar with the risers by removing connectors and deploying the treads in the treadmill configuration.

20. (New) The exercise device as claimed in claim 18, further comprising an elevating device coupled to the body, to move the body between the stairclimber configuration and the treadmill configuration.

21. (New) The exercise device as claimed in claim 18, further comprising a panel disposed at the front of the exercise device, enabling input of operational settings.

22. (New) The exercise device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an elevating device coupled to the body, to move the body between the stairclimber configuration and the treadmill configuration.

23. (New) The exercise device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a panel disposed at the front of the exercise device, enabling input of operational settings.

24. (New) The exercise device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising an elevating device coupled to the body, to move the body between the stairclimber configuration and the treadmill configuration.

25. (New) The exercise device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a panel disposed at the front of the exercise device, enabling input of operational settings.